

Remarks

Appellants file this amendment with a Notice of Appeal. Appellants respectfully submit that this amendment is permissible under 37 CFR 1.116(b)(1) to comply with requirements of form expressly set forth in the final Office Action. Furthermore, Appellants respectfully submit that this amendment is permissible under 1.116(b)(2) since the amendment presents the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

In particular, without admitting to the propriety of the objection to the Abstract and to advance the prosecution of the present application, Appellants have amended the Abstract as suggested by the Office. Withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is respectfully requested.

Further, without admitting to the propriety of the 101 rejection and to advance the prosecution of the present application, Appellants have also amended claim 27 as suggested by the Office. Appellants respectfully request withdrawal of the 101 rejection to claims 27-30 in view of the amendments.

Referring to the 112, first paragraph rejection, the Office states that it is essential for Applicant to point out where support can be found for newly added claims and the Office alleges that Applicants have failed to identify support of claims 31-38. Appellants respectfully refer the Examiner to page 15 of Appellant's Response dated July 12, 2007 where it is clearly stated that Figs. 3-5 and the associated teachings of the specification support claims 31-38. Appellants respectfully submit that the 112, first paragraph, rejection is in error and Appellants respectfully request withdrawal of the 112, first paragraph, rejection.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

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